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Predicción Climática Decadal Global con el modelo Ec-Earth*:

Avanzando hacia una predicción Operativa en Tiempo Real

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* trabajo desarrollado entre 2010-2018 en IC3 + BSC-ES

Earth Science Department

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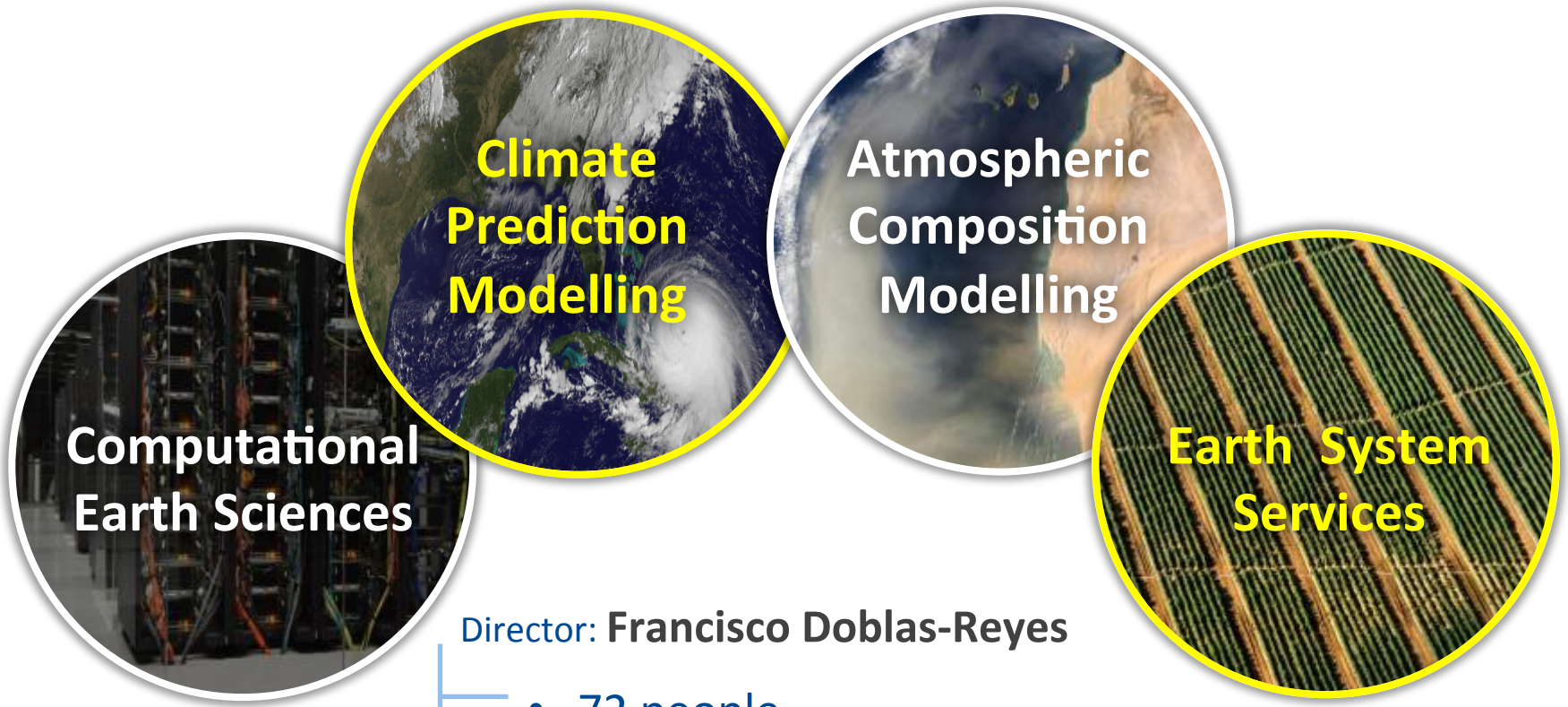

Director: **Francisco Doblas-Reyes**

- 72 people
- Leading: H2020 projects, COPERNICUS contracts, ERC Consolidator Grant and hosts an AXA Chair

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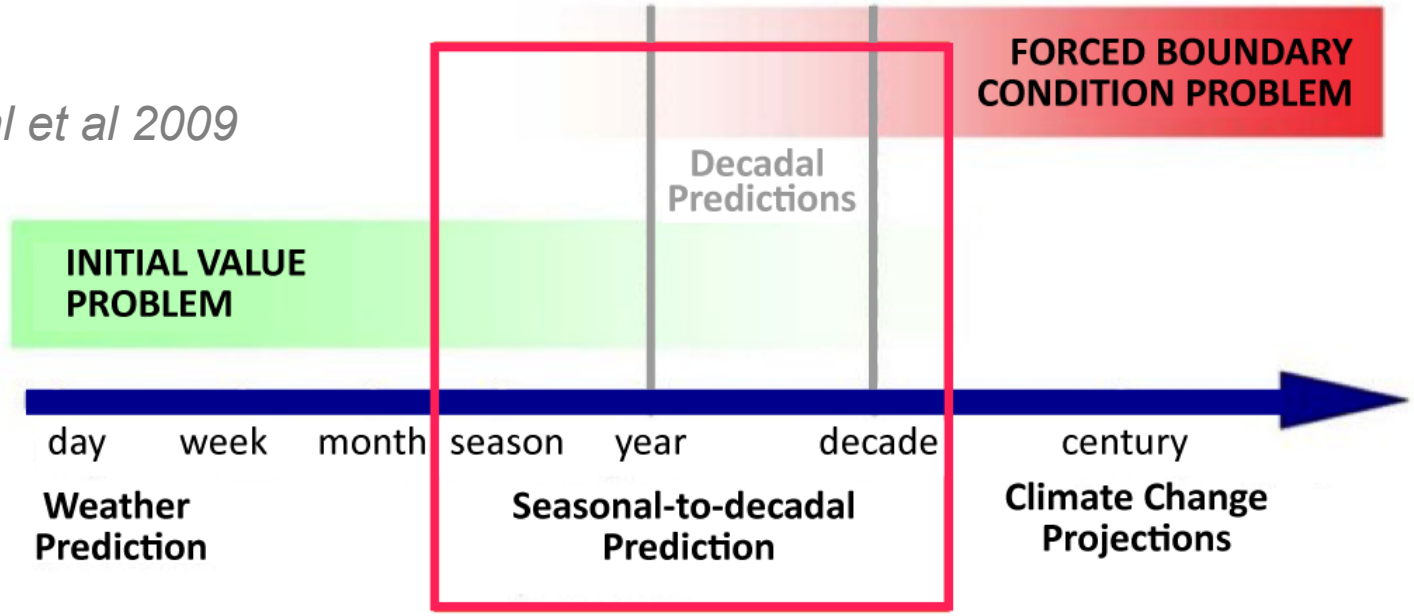
Meehl et al 2009



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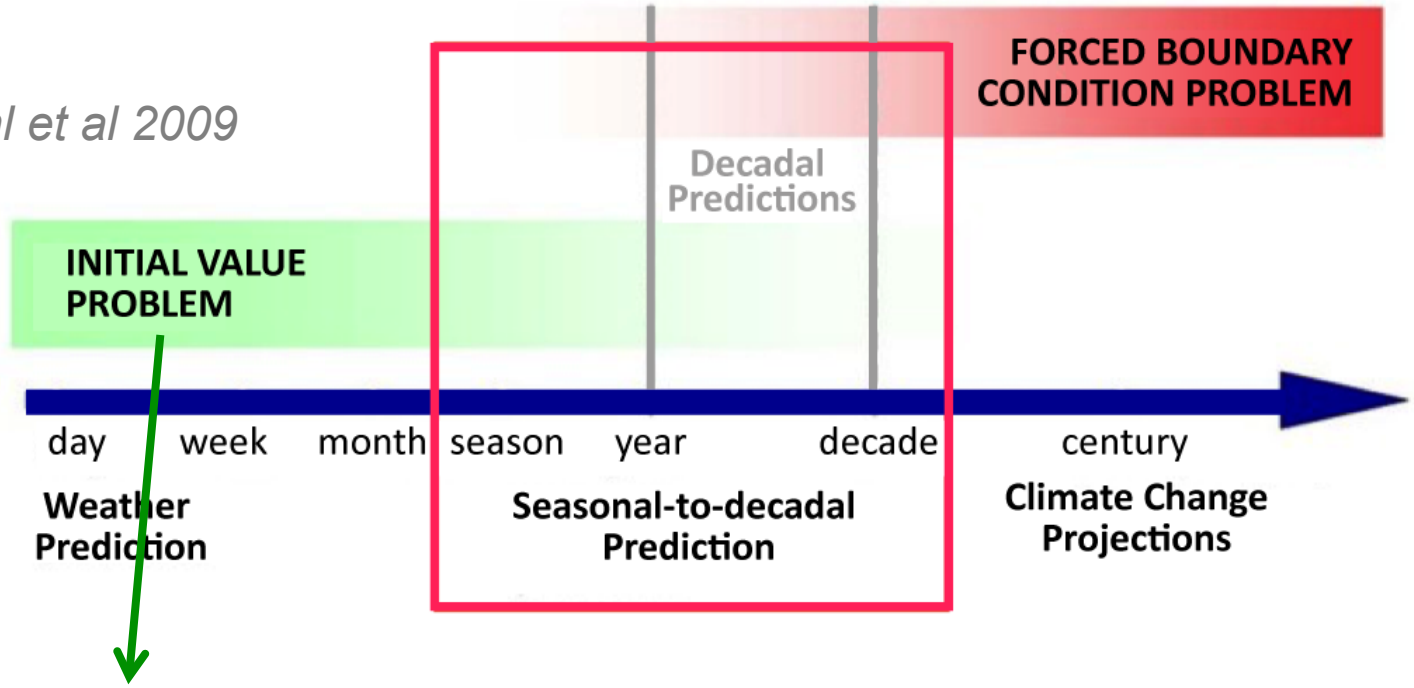

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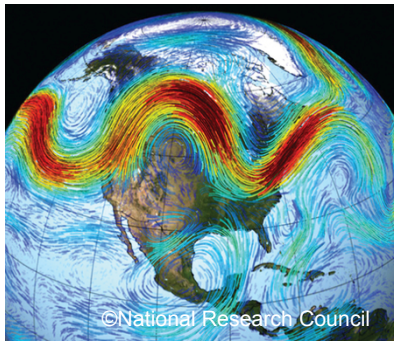

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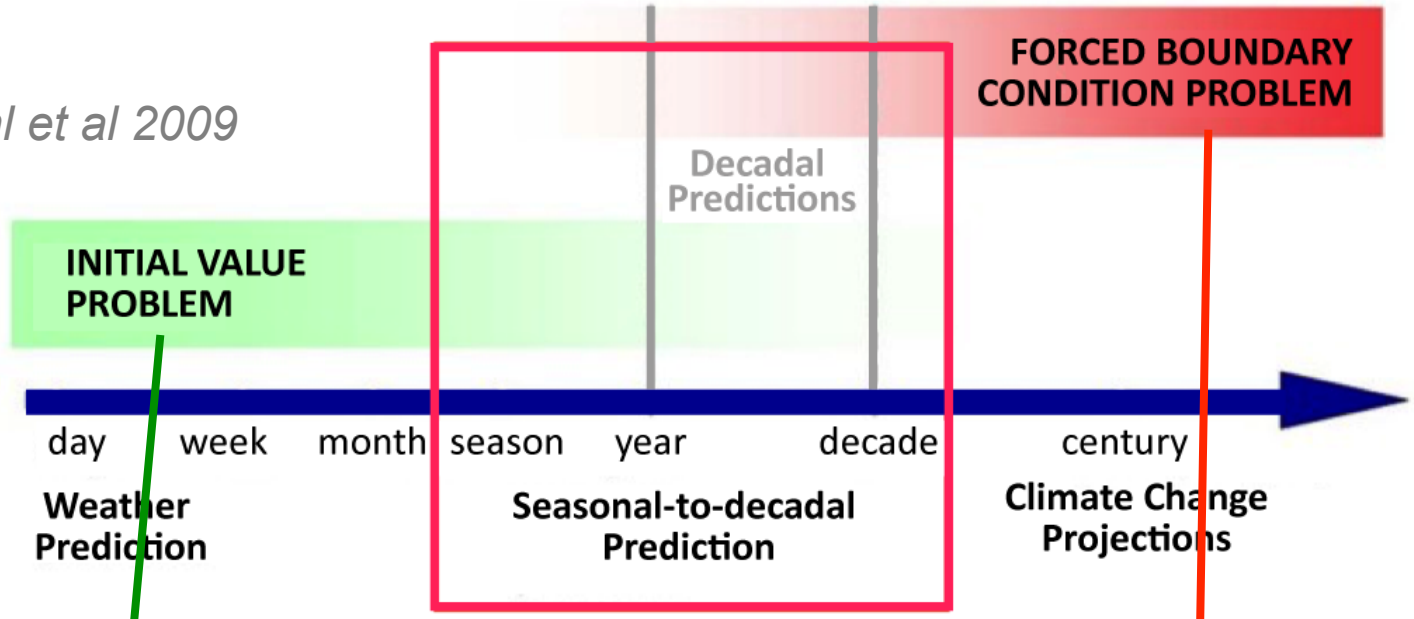

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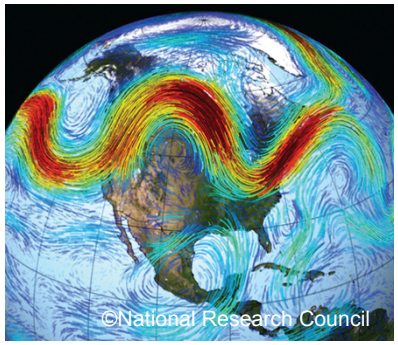

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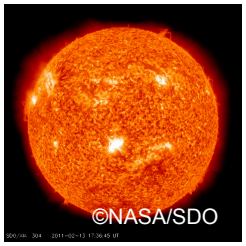

GHGs

Volcanic Aerosols

Good guess of future changes in the forcing

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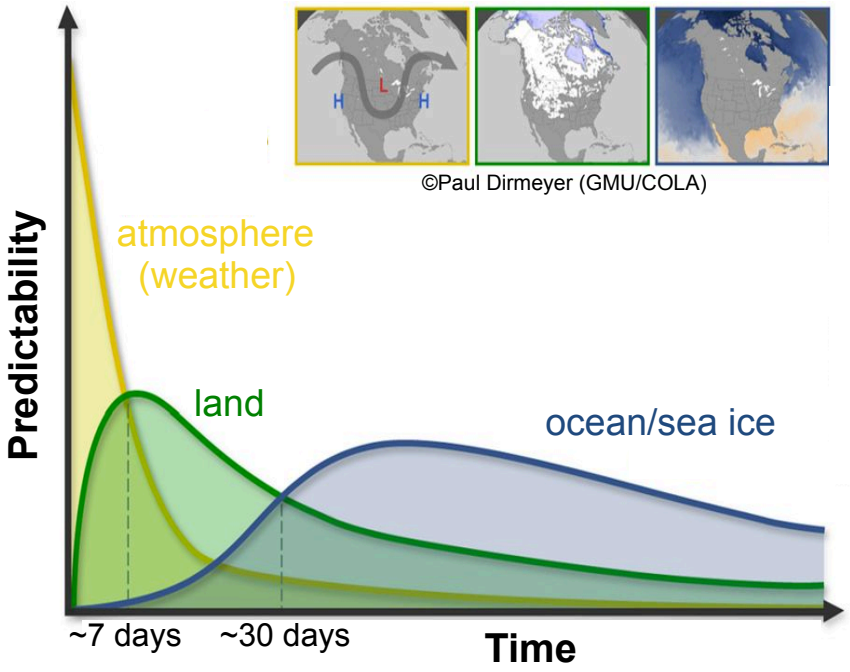

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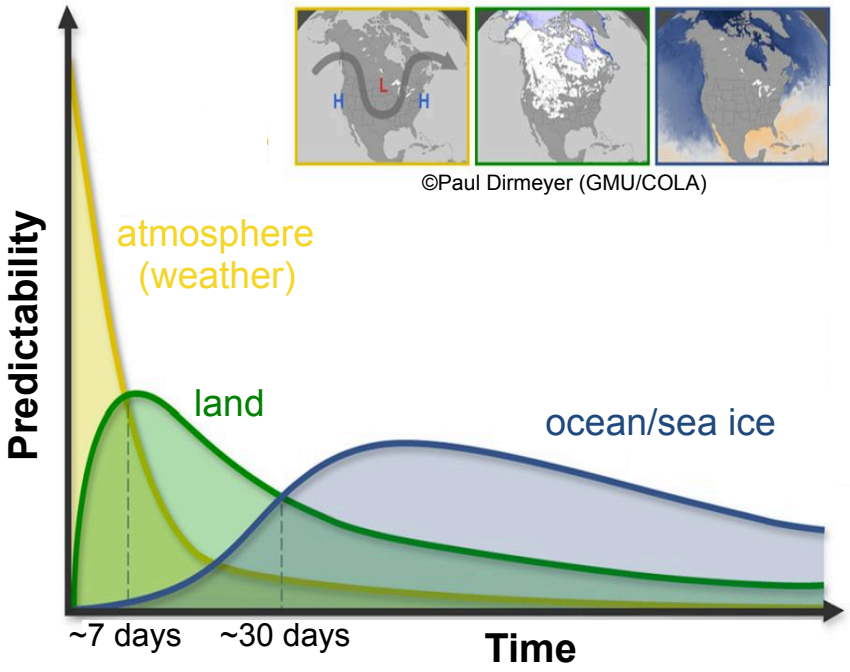

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Climate prediction time → horizon **Weeks Decades**

It relies on the longer memory of other elements of the climate system

ocean

sea ice

soil moisture

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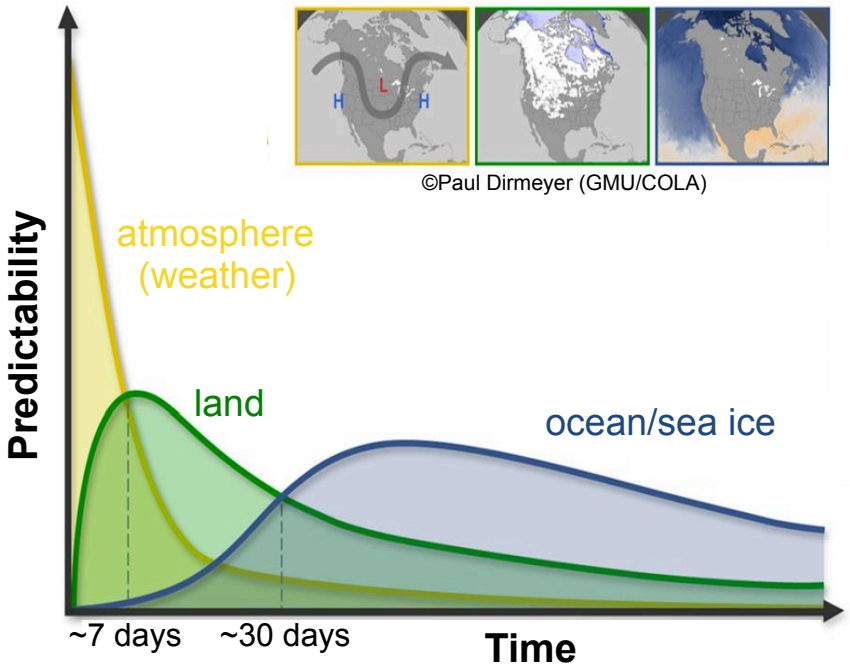

ocean

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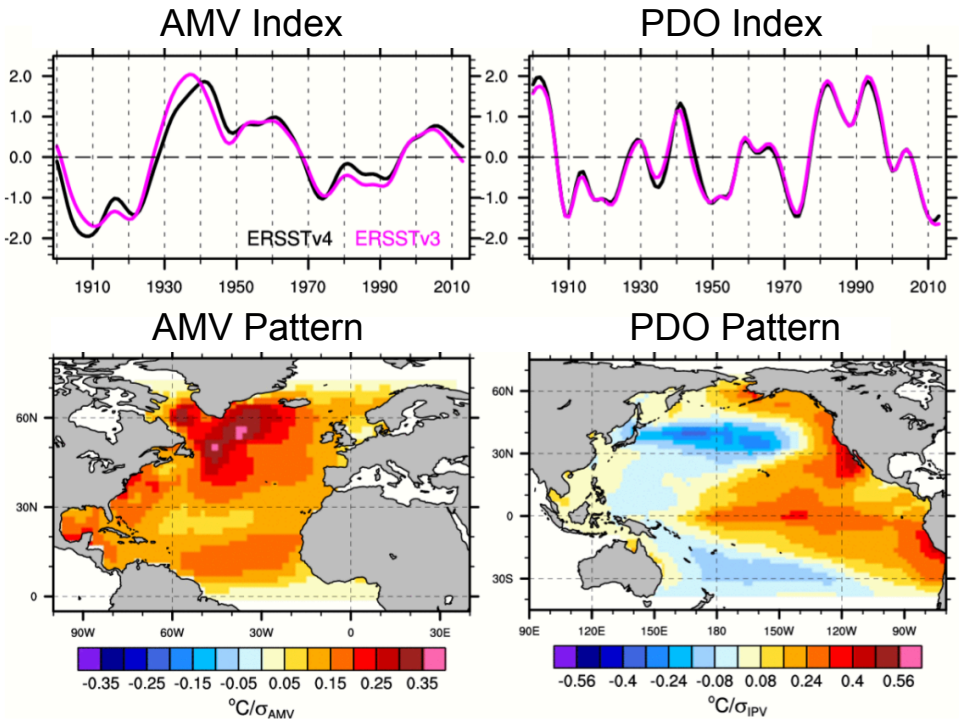

Cassou et al,
Technical Note for DCPP-Component C

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Model Components

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ECMWF Open IFS

IFS-HTESSEL

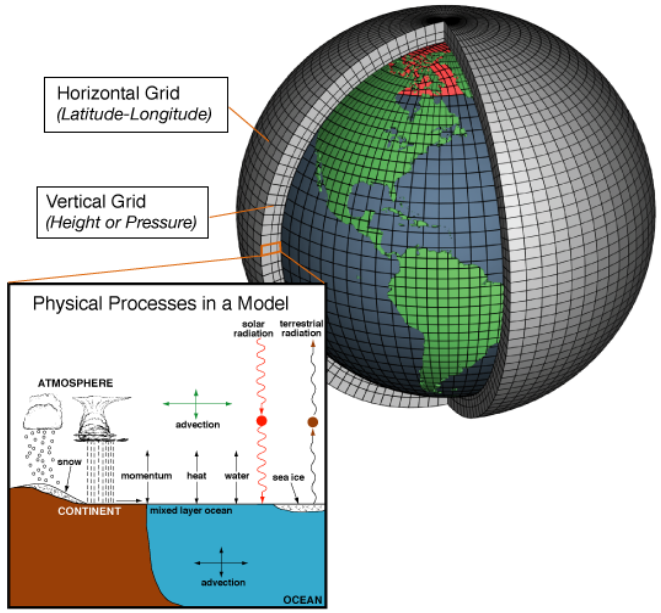
EC-EARTH 3

LIM

NEMO

PISCES OCEAN BIOGEOCHEMICAL MODEL

EC-EARTH
Global Coupled model



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Initial Conditions

produced in-house

Atmosphere reanalysis (**ERA-Interim**)

Sea Ice reanalysis (**IC3/BSC**)

Land reanalysis (**ERA-Land**)

Ocean reanalysis (**ORAS4**)

IFS-HTESSEL

EC-EARTH
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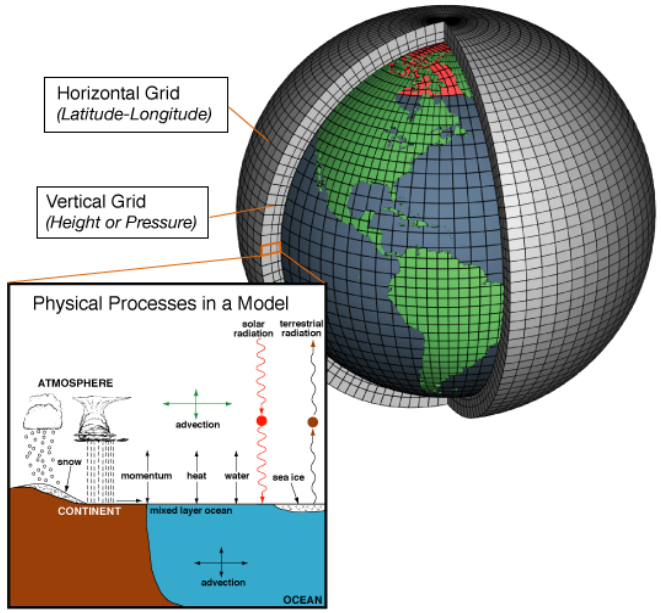

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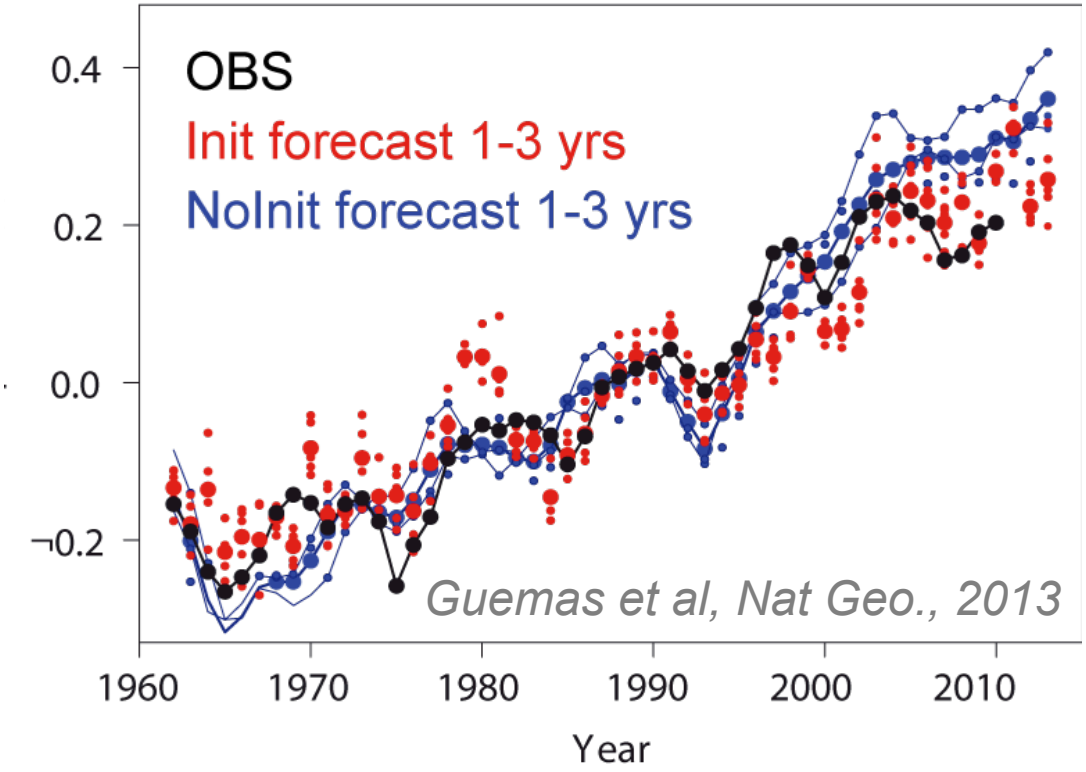
Predictive skill of **global mean surface-air temperature** (Ec-Earth2.3)



Initialised forecasts with EC-Earth reproduce the global temperature, and **describe more accurately** than the non-initialized ones the recent **HIATUS** period, which suggests a **key contribution of internal climate variability**

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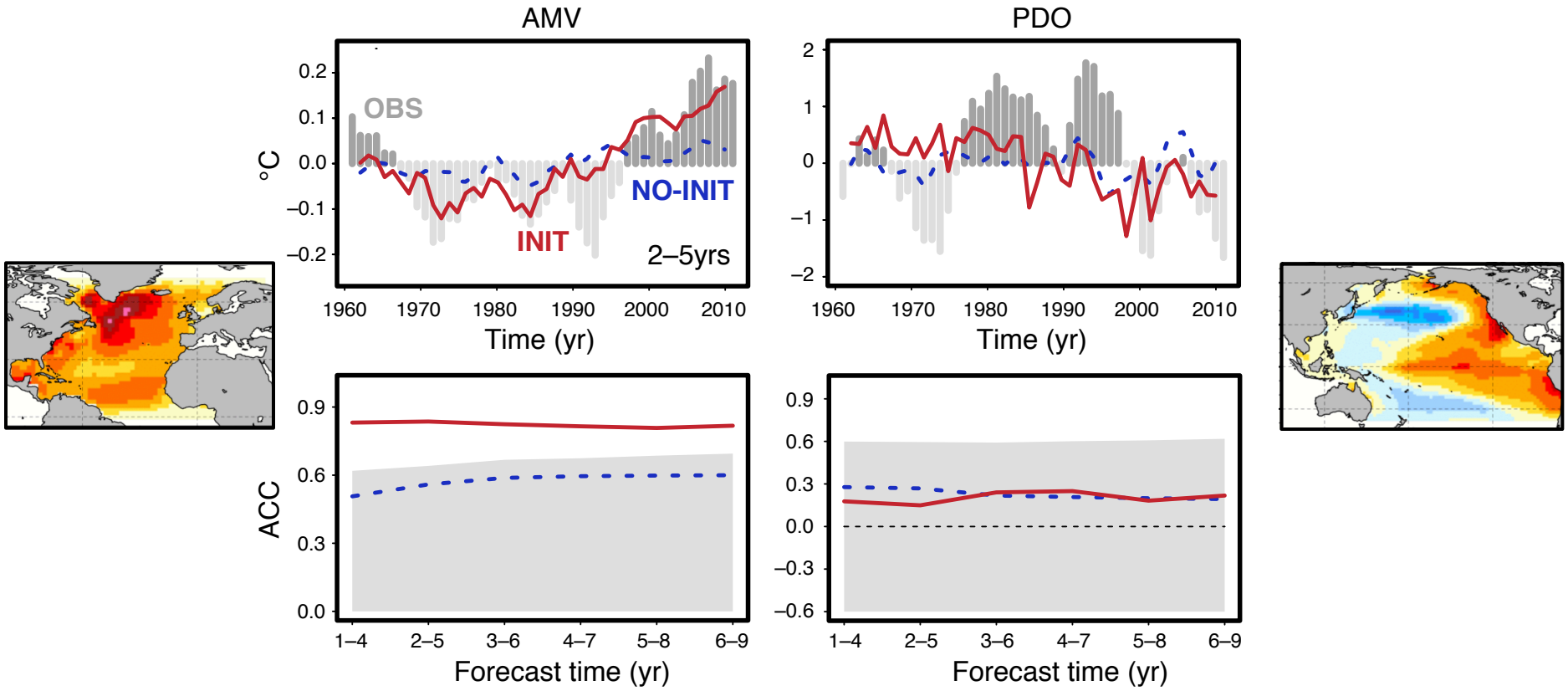
Predictive skill of **modes of multi-annual climate variability** (in CMIP5)



Doblas-Reyes et al, Nat. Comm., 2013

Only in the **Atlantic Ocean**, the **initialized forecasts** show significant **predictive skill** and beat persistence**,** for forecast times of **up to 10 yrs**

Towards Real Time Decadal Climate Prediction

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Multi-model decadal forecast exchange

The Met Office coordinates an informal exchange of near-real time decadal predictions. Many institutions around the world are developing decadal prediction capability and this informal exchange is intended to facilitate research and collaboration on the topic.

The contributing prediction systems are a mixture of dynamical and statistical methods. The prediction from each institute is shown below, alongside an average of all the models. When possible, observations for the period of the forecast are also shown. Currently three variables are included: surface air temperature, sea-level pressure and precipitation. These are shown as differences from the 1971-2000 baseline. More diagnostics, including ocean variables are planned for the future. Please use the drop-down menus below to explore the data collected to date.

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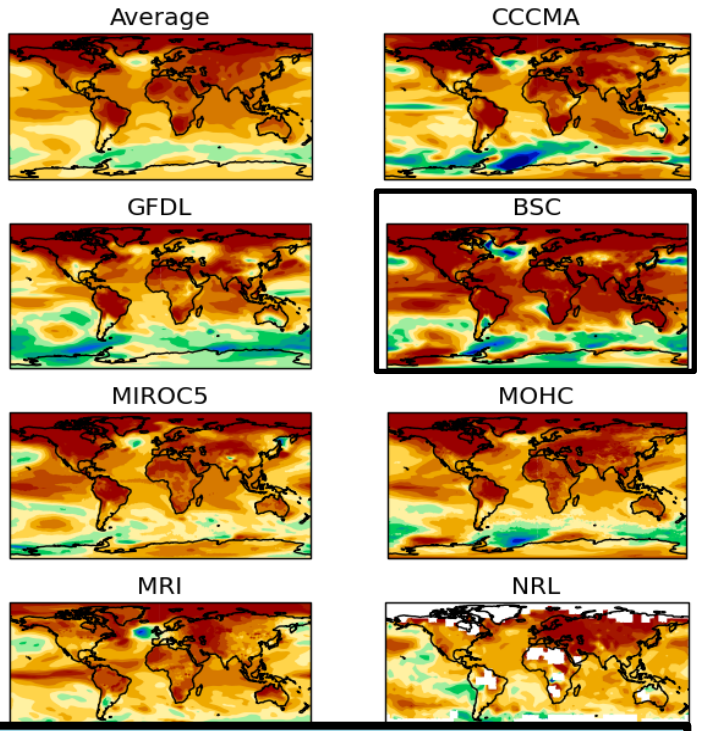
Seasonal-to-decadal climate Prediction for the improvement of European Climate Services

Smith et al. (2013, ClimDyn)

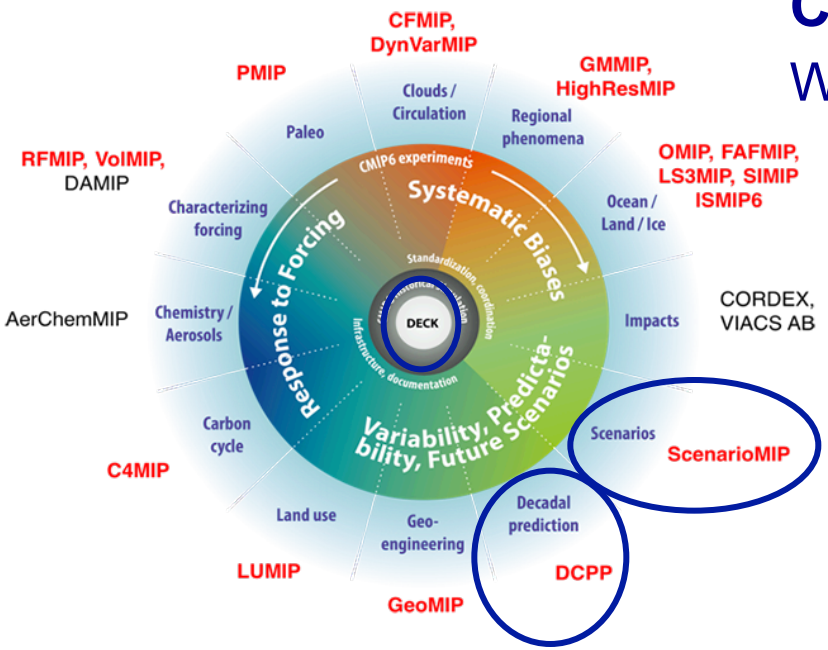
2015 predictions for 2016 SAT



15 centers will contribute to Annual Decadal Climate Prediction Exchange
4 applied for WMO-designation (**BSC** the only non meteorological center)

Next decadal climate prediction activities

Simpkins (2017)



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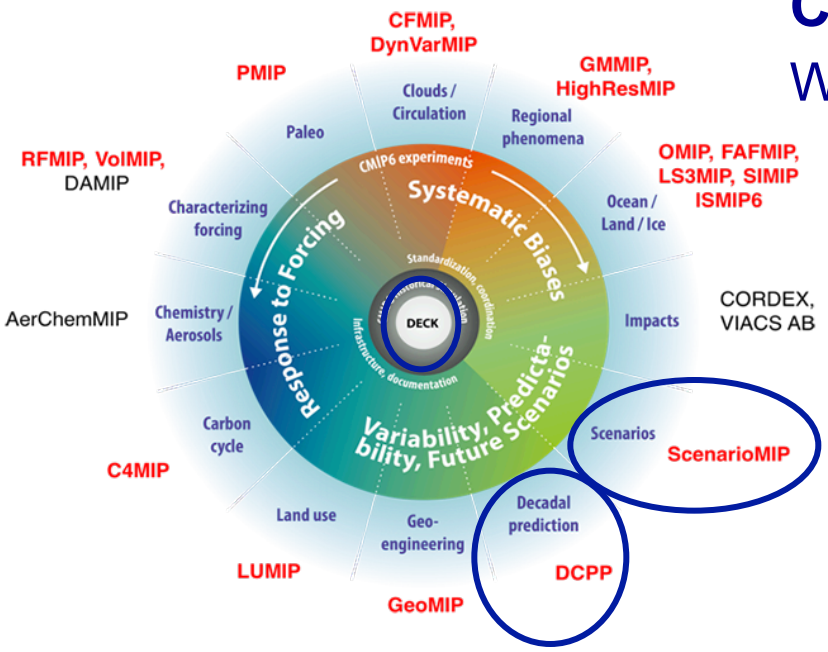

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Other H2020 activities

With EC-Earth 3.2 in high resolution (~0.25°)

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DCPP Component A-like:
Retrospective Predictions [1960-2017]

Decadal climate prediction → Climate Services

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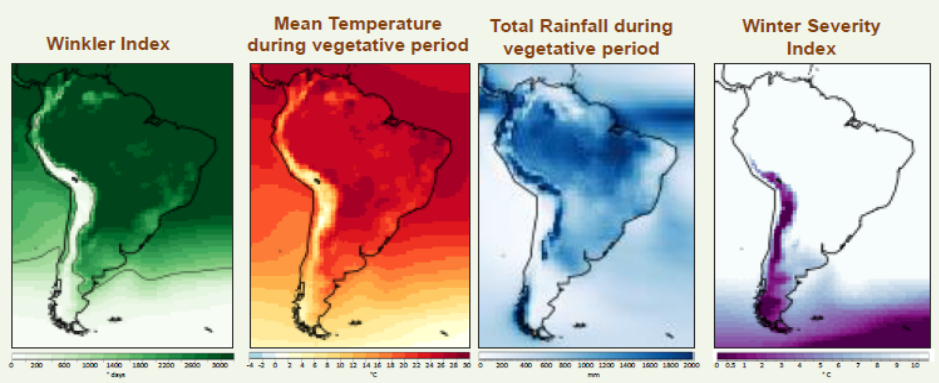
Bodegas Torres (and other wineries) are looking for **new vineyard locations**

They have purchased high elevation terrains near the Pyrenees

They are considering South America, in areas with no current wine production



VIÑAS DEL VERO

SOGRAPE VINHOS

RAIMAT

CODORNÍU

TORRES
1870

Bodegas Torres is thus requesting **local climate information** (with uncertainty assessments) relevant for the **vegetative cycle of grapes**.

Concluding remarks

Decadal Climate Prediction relies on the **proper initialization** of regions with internal multi-annual climate variability, usually associated with the ocean

Multi-model decadal predictions within DCPP will be a **key contribution to CMIP6**, helping to:

- identify the **regions/variables robustly predictable**
- better **understanding** the origin of **systematic errors**

Decadal Climate Predictions provide important **strategic information** to guide future decisions by **stakeholders and policymakers**

Real-time decadal prediction exchange will continue and will be **enhanced** if the BSC is finally recognised by the WMO as a **global producing center**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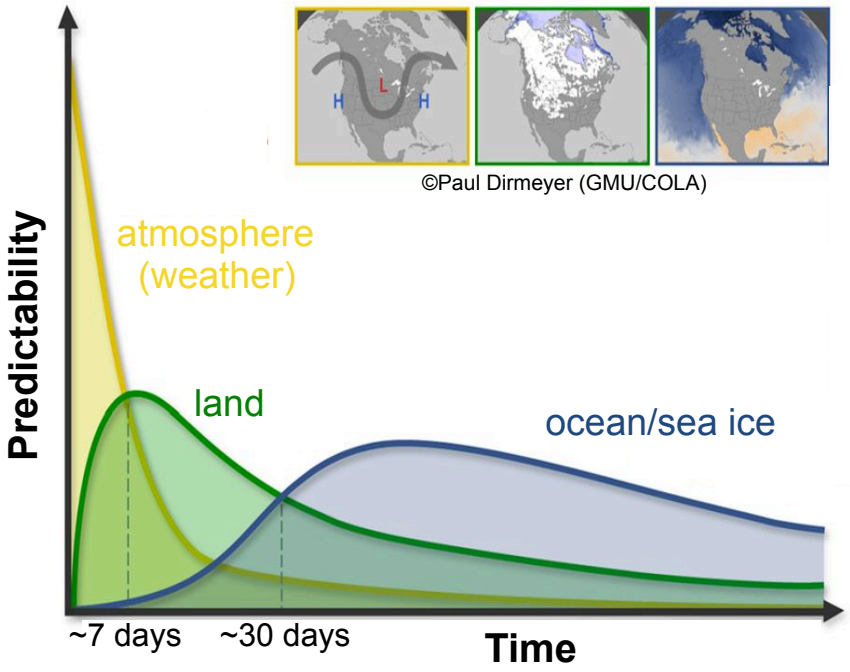
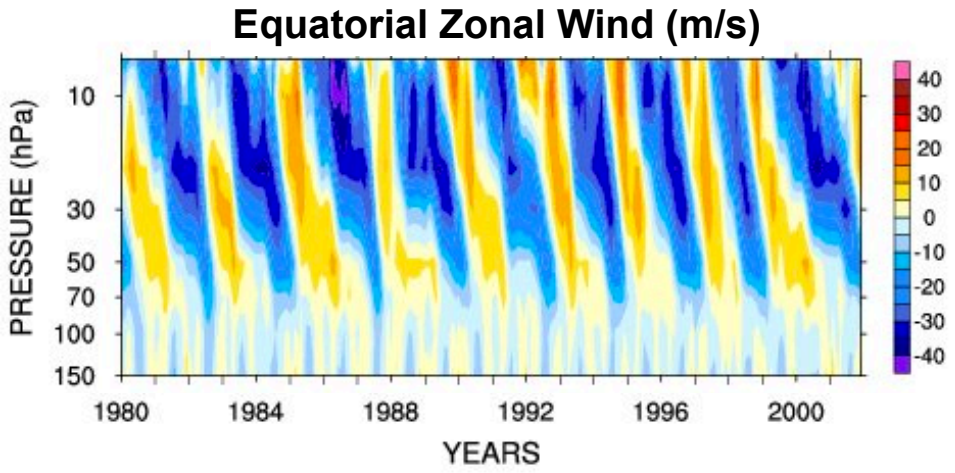


The **atmosphere** can also provide **memory** beyond monthly timescales



Monier & Weare (2011)

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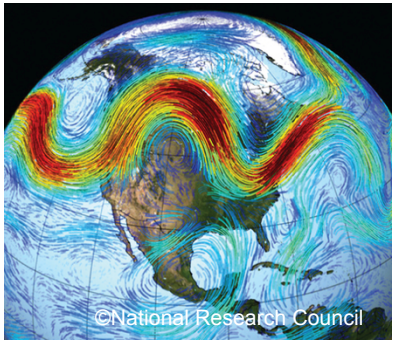

Through its key role on wave propagation that can further impact the polar vortex strength, the **Quasi-biennial Oscillation** can contribute to Northern Hemisphere predictability at seasonal and interannual timescales.

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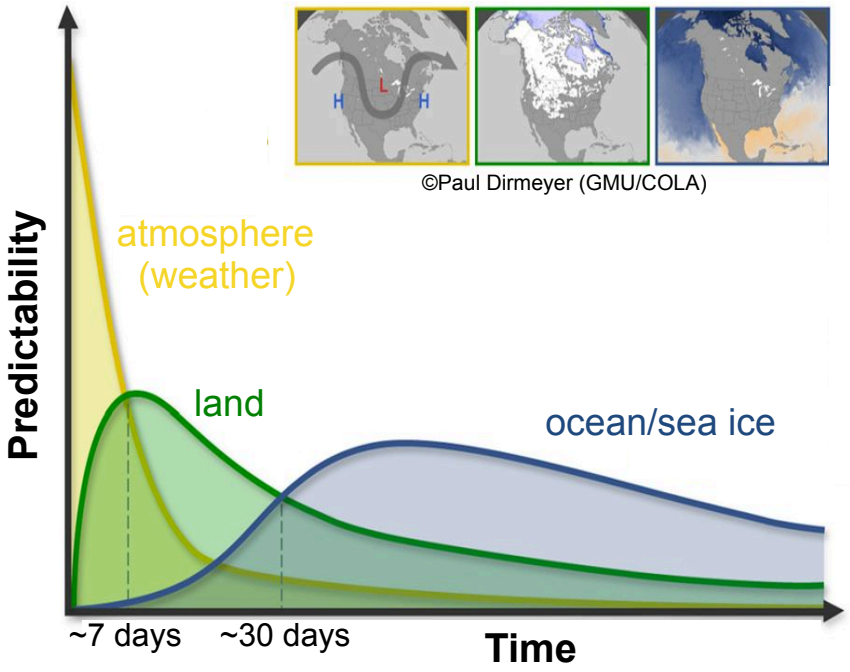
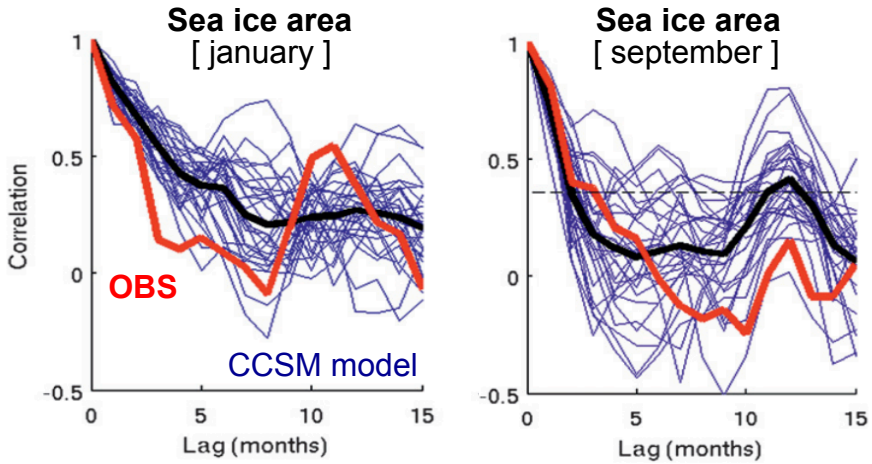


sea ice

Re-emergence mechanisms in Arctic **sea ice** can provide memory and thus predictability at **seasonal scales**



Blanchard-Wrigglesworth et al 2011

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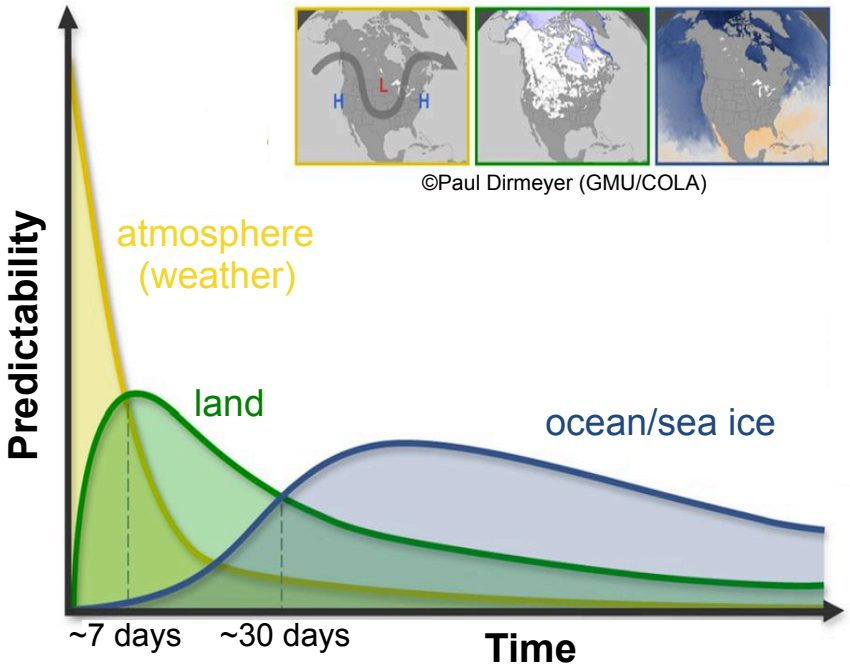

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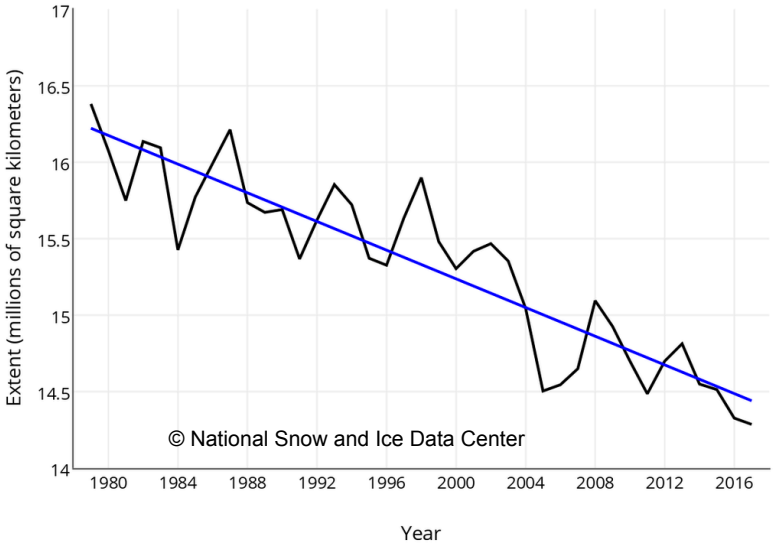
And at longer time-scales Arctic sea ice is experiencing long-term **decline**

Average Arctic Sea Ice extent
[February 1979-2017]



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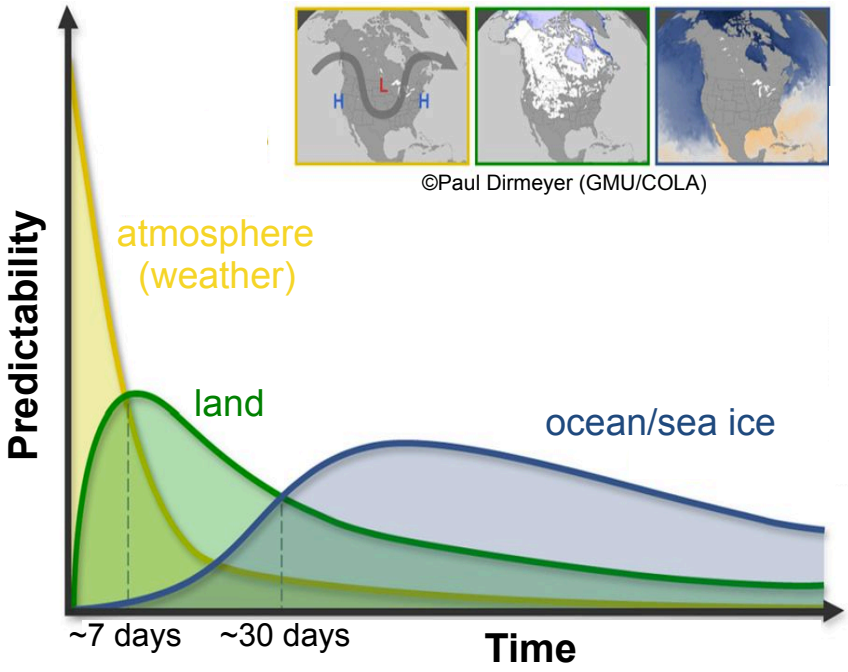
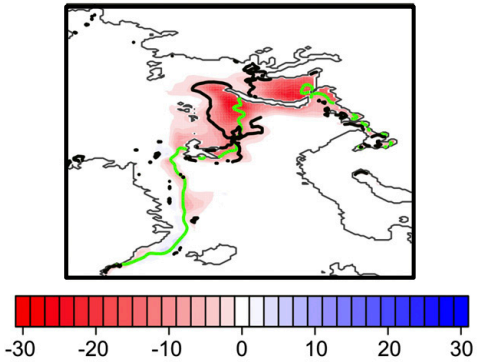
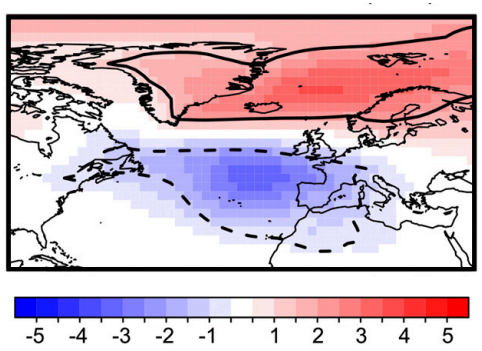


While many studies report **important impacts** of Arctic sea **on the climate of the mid-latitudes**

1st EOF of November Sea Ice Cover (SIC)



Predicted DJF Sea Level Pressure



García-Serrano et al 2014

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For example, on Europe at **seasonal timescales** through an influence of Barents-Kara Sea SIC changes on the **North Atlantic Oscillation**

Decadal climate prediction → Climate Services II

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Example of **climate service** for the agriculture sector: **wine yields**

Engaging with the users to understand their needs

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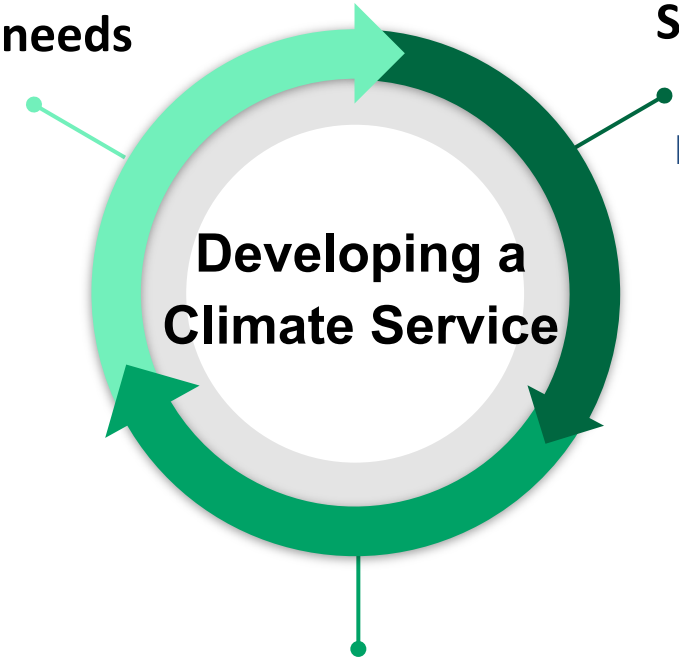
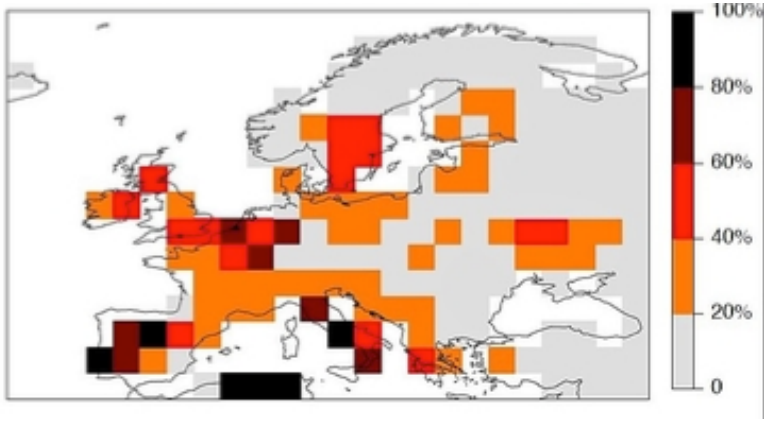


Scientific research and development of tailored indicators

Prediction of extreme drought (August 2017)



Tools and assessment of decision making processes

*Terrado, M., I. Christel, D. Bojovic, A. Soret and F. Doblas-Reyes (2017) "Climate change communication and user engagement: **a tool to anticipate climate change**". Published in Handbook of Climate Change Communication*

Other applications from climate prediction

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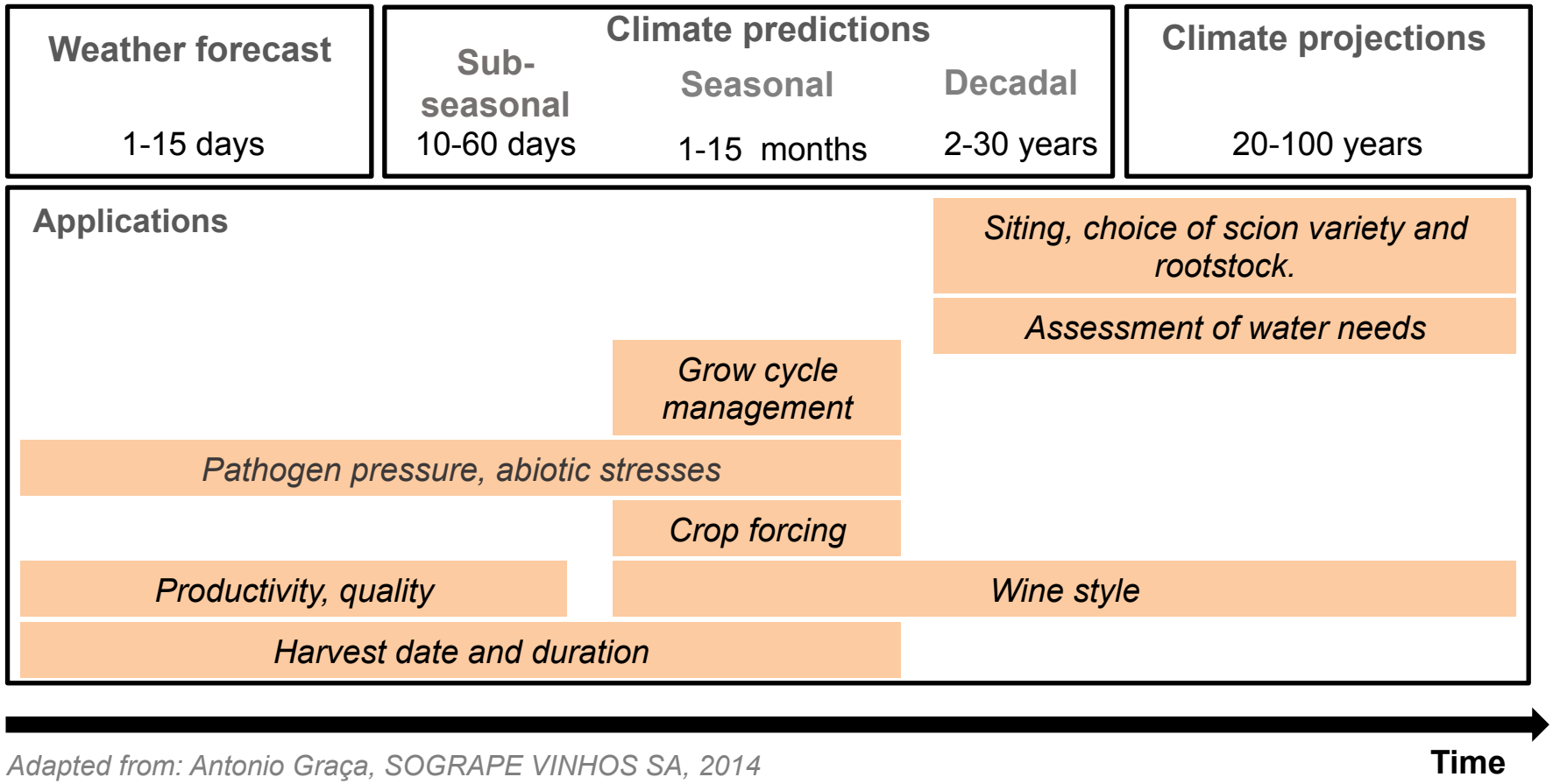

Adapted from: Antonio Graça, SOGRAPE VINHOS SA, 2014

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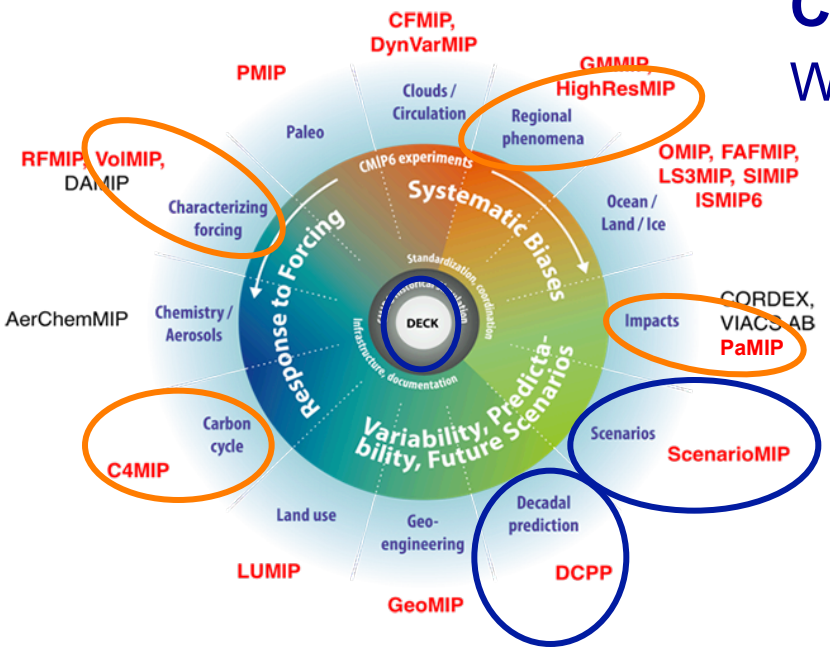

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Other CMIP6 contributions

VolMIP: Evaluating the predictability associated to volcanoes

C4MIP: Investigating the predictability of the carbon cycle

HiResMIP: Determining the advantages of super high resolution (1/12°)

PaMIP: Constraining the long-term impacts due to Arctic Sea Ice decline

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